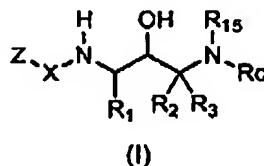


The Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Original) A compound of the formula I:



or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein

Z is hydrogen, (C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl)₀₋₁(C₁-C₆ alkyl)-, (C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl)₀₋₁(C₂-C₆ alkenyl)-, alkoxyalkoxyalkyl, (C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl)₀₋₁(C₂-C₆ alkynyl)- or (C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl)-, wherein each of said groups is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R₂ groups, wherein 1 or 2 methylene groups within said (C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl)₀₋₁(C₁-C₆ alkyl)-, (C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl)₀₋₁(C₂-C₆ alkenyl)-, (C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl)₀₋₁(C₂-C₆ alkynyl)- or (C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl)- groups are optionally replaced with -(C=O)-;

wherein R₂ at each occurrence is independently halogen, -OH, -SH, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkoxy or -NR₁₀₀R₁₀₁;

where R₁₀₀ and R₁₀₁ are independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl, CO(C₁-C₆ alkyl) or SO₂C₁-C₆ alkyl;

X is -(C=O)-, -(C=S)-, -(SO₂)-;

R₁ is C₁-C₁₀ alkyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups independently selected from halogen, -OH, =O, -SH, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, -C₁-C₄ alkoxy, amino, mono-dialkylamino, aryl, heteroaryl, and heterocycloalkyl, wherein each aryl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2 or 3 R₅₀ groups;

R₅₀ is selected from halogen, OH, SH, CN, -CO-(C₁-C₄ alkyl), -NR₇R₈, -S(O)₀₋₂(C₁-C₄ alkyl), C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, C₁-C₈ alkoxy, -O-benzyl, alkenyloxy, alkoxyalkoxyalkoxy, and C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl;

wherein the alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy and cycloalkyl groups are optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from C₁-C₄ alkyl, halogen, OH, -NR₅R₆, CN, C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy, NR₇R₈, and C₁-C₄ alkoxy;

R₅ and R₆ are independently H or C₁-C₆ alkyl; or

R_5 and R_6 and the nitrogen to which they are attached form a 5 or 6 membered heterocycloalkyl ring; and

R_7 and R_8 are independently selected from H; $-C_1-C_4$ alkyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups independently selected from -OH, $-NH_2$, and halogen; $-C_3-C_6$ cycloalkyl; $-(C_1-C_4 \text{ alkyl})-O-(C_1-C_4 \text{ alkyl})$; $-C_2-C_4$ alkenyl; and $-C_2-C_4$ alkynyl;

wherein each heteroaryl is optionally substituted with 1 or 2 R_{50} groups;

wherein each heterocycloalkyl group is optionally substituted with 1 or 2 groups that are independently R_{50} or =O;

R_2 and R_3 are independently selected from

-H;

-F;

$-C_1-C_6$ alkyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from -F, -OH, $-C\equiv N$, $-CF_3$, C_1-C_3 alkoxy, and $-NR_5R_6$;

$-(CH_2)_{0-2}-R_{17}$;

$-(CH_2)_{0-2}-R_{18}$;

$-C_2-C_6$ alkenyl or $-C_2-C_6$ alkynyl, wherein each is optionally substituted with an independent substituent selected from -F, -OH, $-C\equiv N$, $-CF_3$ and C_1-C_3 alkoxy;

$-(CH_2)_{0-2}-C_3-C_7$ cycloalkyl, optionally substituted an independent substituent selected from -F, -OH, $-C\equiv N$, $-CF_3$, C_1-C_3 alkoxy and $-NR_5R_6$; or

wherein R_2 , R_3 and the carbon to which they are attached form a carbocycle of three thru seven carbon atoms, wherein one carbon atom is optionally replaced by a group selected from -O-, -S-, $-SO_2$, or $-NR_7$;

where R_{17} at each occurrence is an aryl group selected from phenyl, 1-naphthyl, 2-naphthyl, indanyl, indenyl, dihydronaphthyl and tetralinyl, wherein said aryl groups are optionally substituted with one or two groups that are independently

$-C_1-C_3$ alkyl; $-C_1-C_4$ alkoxy, CF_3 ; or

$-C_2-C_6$ alkenyl or $-C_2-C_6$ alkynyl each of which is optionally substituted with one substituent selected from F, OH, C_1-C_3 alkoxy; or

-halogen;

-OH;

$-C\equiv N$;

$-C_3-C_7$ cycloalkyl;

-CO-(C₁-C₄ alkyl);

-SO₂-(C₁-C₄ alkyl);

where R₁₈ is a heteroaryl group selected from pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, quinolinyl, indolyl, pyridazinyl, pyrazinyl, isoquinolyl, quinazolinyl, quinoxalinyl, phthalazinyl, imidazolyl, isoxazolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, furanyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, oxadiazolyl or thiadiazolyl, wherein each of said heteroaryl groups is optionally substituted with one or two groups that are independently

-C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted with one substituent selected from OH, C≡N, CF₃, C₁-C₃ alkoxy, and -NR₅R₆;

wherein R₁₅ is selected from hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkoxy C₁-C₆ alkyl, hydroxy C₁-C₆ alkyl, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl, benzyl, -C(O)₂-benzyl, and alkoxycarbonyl, wherein the alkyl and phenyl portion of each is unsubstituted or substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups independently selected from halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, hydroxy, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, NH₂, and -R₂₆-R₂₇;

wherein R₂₆ is selected from a bond, -C(O)-, -SO₂-, -CO₂-, -C(O)NR₅-, and -NR₅C(O)-,

wherein R₂₇ is selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, aryl C₁-C₆ alkyl, heterocycloalkyl, and heteroaryl, wherein each of the above is unsubstituted or substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, halogen, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, -NR₅R₆, -C(O)NR₅R₆;

wherein R_C is selected from

-(CH₂)₀₋₃-(C₃-C₈) cycloalkyl wherein the cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups independently selected from -R₂₀₅, and -CO₂-(C₁-C₄ alkyl);

-(CR₂₄₅R₂₅₀)₀₋₄-aryl;

-(CR₂₄₅R₂₅₀)₀₋₄-heteroaryl;

-(CR₂₄₅R₂₅₀)₀₋₄-heterocycloalkyl;

-(CR₂₄₅R₂₅₀)₀₋₄-aryl-heteroaryl;

-(CR₂₄₅R₂₅₀)₀₋₄-aryl-heterocycloalkyl;

-(CR₂₄₅R₂₅₀)₀₋₄-aryl-aryl;

-(CR₂₄₅R₂₅₀)₀₋₄-heteroaryl-aryl;

-(CR₂₄₅R₂₅₀)₀₋₄-heteroaryl-heterocycloalkyl;

-(CR₂₄₅R₂₅₀)₀₋₄-heteroaryl-heteroaryl;

-(CR₂₄₅R₂₅₀)₀₋₄-heterocycloalkyl-heteroaryl;

-(CR₂₄₅R₂₅₀)₀₋₄-heterocycloalkyl-heterocycloalkyl;

$-(CR_{245}R_{250})_{0-4}$ -heterocycloalkyl-aryl;

- a monocyclic or bicyclic ring of 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10 carbons fused to 1 or 2 aryl, heteroaryl, or heterocycloalkyl groups wherein 1, 2 or 3 carbons of the monocyclic or bicyclic ring is optionally replaced with

-NH,

-N(CO)₀₋₁R₂₁₅,

-N(CO)₀₋₁R₂₂₀,

-O, or

-S(=O)₀₋₂,

and wherein the monocyclic or bicyclic ring is optionally substituted with 1, 2 or 3 groups that are independently -R₂₀₅, -R₂₄₅, -R₂₅₀ or =O;

-C₂-C₈ alkenyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R₂₀₅ groups;

-C₂-C₈ alkynyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R₂₀₅ groups;

wherein each aryl group attached directly or indirectly to the $-(CR_{245}R_{250})_{0-4}$ group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3 or 4 R₂₀₀ groups;

wherein each heteroaryl group attached directly or indirectly to the $-(CR_{245}R_{250})_{0-4}$ group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 R₂₀₀;

wherein each heterocycloalkyl attached directly or indirectly to the $-(CR_{245}R_{250})_{0-4}$ group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 R₂₁₀;

wherein R₂₀₀ at each occurrence is independently selected from

-C₁-C₈ alkyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R₂₀₅ groups;

-OH;

-NO₂;

-halogen;

-C=N;

-CHO;

-(CH₂)₀₋₄-CO-NR₂₂₀R₂₂₅;

-(CH₂)₀₋₄-CO-(C₁-C₈ alkyl);

-(CH₂)₀₋₄-CO-(C₂-C₈ alkenyl);

-(CH₂)₀₋₄-CO-(C₂-C₈ alkynyl);

-(CH₂)₀₋₄-CO-(C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl);

-(CH₂)₀₋₄-(CO)₀₋₁-aryl;

-(CH₂)₀₋₄-(CO)₀₋₁-heteroaryl;

$-(CH_2)_{0-4}-(CO)_{0-1}$ -heterocycloalkyl;
 $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-CO_2R_{215}$;
 $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-SO_2NR_{220}R_{225}$;
 $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-S(O)_{0-2}(C_1-C_8 \text{ alkyl})$;
 $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-S(O)_{0-2}(C_3-C_7 \text{ cycloalkyl})$;
 $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-N(H \text{ or } R_{215})-CO_2R_{215}$;
 $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-N(H \text{ or } R_{215})-SO_2R_{220}$;
 $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-N(H \text{ or } R_{215})-CO-N(R_{215})_2$;
 $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-N(H \text{ or } R_{215})-CO-R_{220}$;
 $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-NR_{220}R_{225}$;
 $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-O-CO-(C_1-C_8 \text{ alkyl})$;
 $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-O-(R_{215})$;
 $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-S-(R_{215})$;
 $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-O-(C_1-C_8 \text{ alkyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 5 -F})$;
 $-C_2-C_6 \text{ alkenyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 } R_{205} \text{ groups}$;
 $-C_2-C_6 \text{ alkynyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 } R_{205} \text{ groups}$;
 and

$-(CH_2)_{0-4}-C_3-C_7 \text{ cycloalkyl}$;

wherein each aryl group included within R_{200} is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently

$-R_{205}$,

$-R_{210}$ or

$-C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently } R_{205} \text{ or } R_{210}$;

wherein each heterocycloalkyl group included within R_{200} is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently R_{210} ;

wherein each heteroaryl group included within R_{200} is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently

$-R_{205}$,

$-R_{210}$, or

$-C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently}$

$-R_{205}$ or

$-R_{210}$;

wherein R_{205} at each occurrence is independently selected from

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-C₁-C₈ alkyl,
 -C₂-C₈ alkenyl,
 -C₂-C₈ alkynyl,
 -C₁-C₈ haloalkoxy,
 -(CH₂)₀₋₃(C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl)
 -halogen,
 -(CH₂)₀₋₆-OH,
 -O-phenyl,
 -alkenyl-phenyl,
 -SH,
 -(CH₂)₀₋₆-C≡N,
 -(CH₂)₀₋₆-C(=O)NR₂₃₅R₂₄₀
 -CF₃,
 -C(O)₂-benzyl,
 -C₁-C₈ alkoxy, and
 -NR₂₃₅R₂₄₀,

wherein R₂₁₀ at each occurrence is independently selected from

-C₁-C₈ alkyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R₂₀₅ groups;
 -C₂-C₈ alkenyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R₂₀₅ groups;
 -C₂-C₈ alkynyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R₂₀₅ groups;
 -halogen;
 -C₁-C₈ alkoxy;
 -C₁-C₈ haloalkoxy;
 -NR₂₂₀R₂₂₅;
 -OH;
 -C≡N;
 -C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R₂₀₅ groups;
 -CO-(C₁-C₄ alkyl);
 -SO₂-NR₂₃₅R₂₄₀;
 -CO-NR₂₃₅R₂₄₀;
 -SO₂-(C₁-C₄ alkyl); and
 =O; wherein

wherein R₂₁₅ at each occurrence is independently selected from

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-C₁-C₈ alkyl,
 -(CH₂)₀₋₂-(aryl),
 -C₂-C₈ alkenyl,
 -C₂-C₈ alkynyl,
 -C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl,
 -(CH₂)₀₋₂-(heteroaryl), and
 -(CH₂)₀₋₂-(heterocycloalkyl);

wherein the aryl group included within R₂₁₅ is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently

-R₂₀₅ or

-R₂₁₀;

wherein the heterocycloalkyl group included within R₂₁₅ is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R₂₁₀;

wherein each heteroaryl group included within R₂₁₅ is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R₂₁₀;

wherein R₂₂₀ and R₂₂₅ at each occurrence are independently selected from

-H,
 -C₁-C₈ alkyl,
 -hydroxy C₁-C₈ alkyl,
 -amino C₁-C₈ alkyl,
 -halo C₁-C₈ alkyl,
 -(CH₂)₀₋₂-(C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl),
 -(C₁-C₆ alkyl)-O-(C₁-C₃ alkyl),
 -C₂-C₆ alkenyl,
 -C₂-C₆ alkynyl,
 -aryl,
 -heteroaryl, and
 -heterocycloalkyl;

wherein the aryl, heteroaryl or heterocycloalkyl group included within R₂₂₀ and R₂₂₅ is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R₂₇₀ groups,

wherein R₂₇₀ at each occurrence is independently

-R₂₀₅,

-C₁-C₈ alkyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R₂₀₅ groups;

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$-C_2-C_6$ alkenyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R_{205} groups;
 $-C_2-C_6$ alkynyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R_{205} groups;
 -halogen;
 $-C_1-C_6$ alkoxy;
 $-C_1-C_6$ haloalkoxy;
 $-NR_{235}R_{240}$;
 $-OH$;
 $-C\equiv N$;
 $-C_3-C_7$ cycloalkyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R_{205} groups;
 $-CO-(C_1-C_4 \text{ alkyl})$;
 $-SO_2-NR_{235}R_{240}$;
 $-CO-NR_{235}R_{240}$;
 $-SO_2-(C_1-C_4 \text{ alkyl})$; and
 $=O$;

wherein R_{235} and R_{240} at each occurrence are independently

$-H$, or
 $-C_1-C_6$ alkyl;
 -phenyl

wherein R_{245} and R_{250} at each occurrence are independently selected from

$-H$,
 $-(CH_2)_{0-4}CO_2C_1-C_4 \text{ alkyl}$
 $-(CH_2)_{0-4}C(=O)C_1-C_4 \text{ alkyl}$
 $-C_1-C_4 \text{ alkyl}$,
 $-C_1-C_4 \text{ hydroxyalkyl}$,
 $-C_1-C_4 \text{ alkoxy}$,
 $-C_1-C_4 \text{ haloalkoxy}$,
 $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-C_3-C_7 \text{ cycloalkyl}$,
 $-C_2-C_6 \text{ alkenyl}$,
 $-C_2-C_6 \text{ alkynyl}$,
 $-(CH_2)_{0-4} \text{ aryl}$,
 $-(CH_2)_{0-4} \text{ heteroaryl}$, and
 $-(CH_2)_{0-4} \text{ heterocycloalkyl}$, or

wherein R_{245} and R_{250} are taken together with the carbon to which they are attached to form a monocycle or bicyclic of 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10 carbon atoms, optionally where 1 or 2 carbon atoms is replaced by a heteroatom selected from

-O-,

-S-,

-SO₂-, and

-NR₂₂₀-; or wherein a -CH₂- group is replaced with a -C(O)- group;

wherein the aryl, heteroaryl or heterocycloalkyl group included within R_{245} and R_{250} is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently halogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, CN or OH.

2. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein Z is (C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl)₀₋₁(C₁-C₈ alkyl)-, (C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl)₀₋₁(C₂-C₆ alkenyl)-, (C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl)₀₋₁(C₂-C₆ alkynyl)- or (C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl)-, wherein each of said groups is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R_Z groups; wherein, R_Z at each occurrence is independently halogen, -OH, -CN, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkoxy, -NR₁₀₀R₁₀₁; where R₁₀₀ and R₁₀₁ are independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl, CO(C₁-C₆ alkyl) or SO₂C₁-C₆ alkyl.

3. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein X is -(C=O)-.

4. (Original) A compound according to claim 3, wherein Z is H.

5. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R₁ is C₁-C₁₀ alkyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 groups independently selected from halogen, -OH, =O, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, -C₁-C₄ alkoxy, amino or aryl, wherein the aryl group is optionally substituted with 1 or 2 R₅₀ groups;

wherein R₅₀ is selected from halogen, OH, -CO-(C₁-C₄ alkyl), -NR₇R₈, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy and C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl;

wherein the alkyl, alkoxy and cycloalkyl groups are optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from C₁-C₄ alkyl, halogen, OH, -NR₆R₈, NR₇R₈, and C₁-C₄ alkoxy;

wherein R₆ and R₈ are independently H or C₁-C₆ alkyl; or